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1. The "Praga Planter" tractor, a new model now being made by the Ceskomoravska-Kolben-Danek works in Prague, is the first wholly Czech attempt at a tractor. It is full-tracked and is powered by a Diesel engine rated at 100 H.P.,  
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2. The first series of thirty has now been completed. Seven of these were delivered to the North Bohemian Brown Coal Company, but all seven have been returned to the makers with the complaint that they are too weak and do not stand up to the work which they are claimed by the makers to be able to do. One criticism is that engine revolutions are too high. The North Bohemian Coal Company has expressed resentment over being required to take these machines before they have completed satisfactory tests and claims that it is being used to test the tractors and in consequence is suffering a fall in production. It is said that the Company has refused to continue using the tractors.
3. There is no evidence that any of these machines have been exported so far, and it is considered doubtful whether a further series will be put into production until something has been done to improve the design.

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